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Vegetarian Degree Courses in Hotel Management Institutes
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of hotels are now offering vegetarian food on account of their location;
(b) whether the Indian Heritage Hotel Association (IHHA) and some other groups representing hotels have approached the Government urging it to run vegetarian only degree programmes in some hotel management institutes and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has received a number of online petitions in this regard and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
(d) the measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Most of the hotels, which are classified by the Ministry of Tourism offer vegetarian food.

(b), (c) and (d): The Ministry of Tourism has received some requests from Hotel associations including the Hotel Association of India (HAI) for considering degree/diploma courses in vegetarian/vegan cooking.

Presently there are 21 Central Institutes of Hotel Management, Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, 21 State Institutes of Hotel Management and 10 Food Craft Institutes in the Country. Students are inducted in the Institutes on the basis of JEE (Joint Entrance Exam) conducted by the National Council for Hotel Management and Catering Technology & Applied Nutrition, NOIDA every year.

After selection, students are admitted to a degree course specific to a common curriculum which includes preparation of vegetarian and non-vegetarian cuisine. All admitted students follow the common curriculum aimed at achieving expertise in the chosen field.

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